

Application No. 10/711,129
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REMARKS

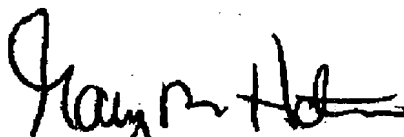
As of the filing of the present Office Action, claims 1-16 were pending in the above-identified US Patent Application. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 10-16 and deemed claims 1-9 to recite allowable subject matter, but rejected claim 1 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner explained that claim 1 lacked a structural relationship between the articulated white reference (7) and the remaining components of the system. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify this structural relationship by reciting that the white reference (7) is configured to reflect light from the illuminant light source (3) to the optical pickup means (4). Support for this amendment can be found in Applicant's specification at the second sentence of [Para 25]. Applicant has also taken this opportunity to correct a typographical error in claim 10.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that the rejection of claim 1 has been overcome, and respectfully requests that his patent application be given favorable reconsideration.

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Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to any matter
now of record, Applicant's representative may be reached at (219) 462-4999.

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